GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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ILLEGAL IRON ORE IN THE WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recently seized illegal iron ore worth Rs.50 lakh being carried in 16 wagons of Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken / being taken by the authority therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, on 17.11.2007, Deputy Director of Mines/Joda/Orissa reached Juruli railway station siding and claimed that iron ore which was booked and loaded in the Railway wagon had been procured by illegal mining. In this connection, a memo was given to the on duty Assistant Station Master Juruli to detain the alleged 16 wagons. The said iron ore was not seized by the mining authority. Although the rake was detained from 19.30 hrs of 7.11.2007 to 11.00 hrs of 8.11.2007 for necessary action by the Mining Authority. It is reported that a case under section 21 of Mining & Mineral Development Regulatory Act, 1957 against the consignee i.e. M/s. Nakoda Ispat on accounts Bandana Global has been registered for procuring and carrying illegal iron ore valued Rs.20 lakhs.

Railway Protection Force officers and Railway staff attended and provided necessary assistance in coordination with Local Police/Joda to Deputy Director/Mines/Joda to take necessary action and to avoid any untoward incident during such action by Deputy Director/ Mines/Joda.